

ATHENS RADIO CLUB MINUTES

February 4, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President Jesse Hickey, N4JAH

In attendance 37.

Ashworth, Dick WB4HXF
Arogeh, Megan KN4LIQ
Broom, Tom K4THB
Crowe, Mike W4FLT
Crowe, Tim D. KO4ALN
Deked, Andrew K04ALM
Geeter, Nola KG4OVO -Treasurer
Hallman, Gerald KM4AAA
Hawkins, Jim KF4RX
Herrin, Bob KE4JLL- Public Service
Hickey, Jesse N4JAH
Johnson, Robert KE4GVY
Lannoye, Lee WA9AOE
Liu, Alex KM4MJP
McCook, Kathleen KN4IJM -Secretary
McFerren, W. Conor KN4SIT
McKinnon, Howell KM4ZXR
Nettis, Steve KN4VBK
Ortman, Bernie N6UBO
Reeves, James KF4AQO - **VE Coordinator and Repeater Trustee**
Rollor, Ed N4ZRA-ARES
Saki, Mateen KN4RFH
Specht, Phil K4PQC
Strang, Sam KN4SPF
Tolbert, Janna KJ4ESB
Waters, Rick WA4ERS – Past-President/ Hams Helping Other Hams
Whibby, Gary N4FBM

Guests-
Alvarez, Jackson
Gruber, Will
Harper, Cole
Krautheim, Sean
McDaniels, Jack
Nadkarni, Ojas
Parker, Jackson
Porter, Steven M.
Teal, Michael
Venezd, Claire

Members introduced and highlighted radio-related activities including attendance at the Statewide ARES meeting, Winter Field Day, Winterville Snowflake 10K.

Treasurers Report:

January 2020 dues \$350.00.

Anonymous donation for repeater equipment \$2,500.00.

New repeater and controller purchased for \$1,774.05.

New balance: \$2,009.40.

This includes \$725.05 left of the \$2,500 donation to repair the old repeater.

--Treasurer, Nola Geeter KG4OVO

Presentation--Small Satellite Research Lab

Presenters

- Jackson Parker
- Jack McDaniels
- Mateen Saki KN4RFH

<http://www.smallsat.uga.edu/>

Skywarn: Skywarn training within driving distance February 25, 2020 (Walton Co).

<https://www.weather.gov/ffc/skywarnsched>

Repeater Update:

James Reeves, KF4AQO is working with Bob Herrin, KE4JLL and Jesse Hickey, N4JAH to program and install the new repeater. The new repeater can be programmed to announce nets and meetings.

VE Report- James Reeves, KF4AQO reported that 9 new licenses or upgrades took place at the testing session held prior to the meeting. All who passed or upgraded are entitled to one year of Athens Radio Club membership. Applications on the ARC website. <http://www.athensradioclub.org/>

Ed Rollor, N4ZRA reported on WINTER FIELD DAY January 25-26, 2020. <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

126 stations were reached in 19 states.

The siren test will be held Friday, February 7, 2020 at 09:00.

President Hickey, N4JAH reported on Summer Field Day (June 27-28, 2020) planning: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> The YMCA site has been secured. The special call sign will be W4A. Members who would like to work on Field Day should contact Jesse Hickey.

Past-President, Rick Waters, WA4ERS announced the UGA G-Day game is set for April 18th.-

Door Prizes drawing.

Future Dates:

- Ham crams & testing sessions are on February 19 and March 4, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until around 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. at Environmental Health Services, 189 Paradise Boulevard, Athens, GA 30607 (behind Terrapin on Newton Bridge Road). VEs are especially needed beginning around 1:30 p.m.
- There will be a retest for the ham cram attendees on April 7th at the ARC's regular exam session.
- **March 3, 2020: 7:30p Athens Radio Club Meeting - Topic: "Adventures in WSPR Mode (<10mW)"**
- UGA G-Day game is April 18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Submitted by Kathleen McCook KN4IJM, Secretary